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# Highland Park Church of God

A New Life Fellowship

“Connected in Christ, Serving in Spirit, Growing in New Life Together”





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November 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>*Regular Sunday Schedule:</b>            9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages            11:00 AM Morning Worship            3:30-5:00 PM Youth            5:30 PM Choir Practice</p>			<p>1 (Acts 27)  </p>	<p>2 (Acts 28)            7:00 PM Grief Share</p>	<p>3 (Joshua 1)            8:00 AM Ladies' Prayer            Noon Retirees' Luncheon  <b>6:30 PM FIRST FRI. FAMILY FUN!</b></p>	<p>4 (Joshua 2)            10:00 AM DVPF</p>
<p>5 (Joshua 3)            11:00 AM Communion  <b>6:30-8:30 PM Youth Nail Night</b>  <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b></p>	<p>6 (Joshua 4)            7:00 PM Ladies' Crafts at Laura's</p>	<p>7 (Joshua 5)            9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Bill W.)            SHAN Sandwiches            7:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study</p>	<p>8 (Joshua 6)</p>	<p>9 (Joshua 7)            7:00 PM Grief Share</p>	<p>10 (Joshua 8)            8:00 AM Ladies' Prayer</p>	<p>11 (Joshua 9)            9-11 AM Veterans' Breakfast  </p>
<p>12 (Joshua 10)            7:00 PM Trustees Mtg.</p>	<p>13 (Joshua 11)</p>	<p>14 (Joshua 12)            10:00 AM Staff Mtg.  <b>Last Day to Drop Off for Clothing Drive</b>            7:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study</p>	<p>15 (Joshua 13)</p>	<p>16 (Joshua 14)            1:00 PM Ministerium Meeting Here            7:00 PM Grief Share</p>	<p>17 (Joshua 15)            8:00 AM Ladies' Prayer</p>	<p>18 (Joshua 16)  <b>Camp Workday</b>  <b>8 AM Breakfast, 9-1 PM Work, 1 PM Lunch</b>  <b>LADIES' TRIP TO LANCASTER</b></p>
<p>19 (Joshua 17)            7:00 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>20 (Joshua 18)</p>	<p>21 (Joshua 19)            9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Tom K.)            7:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study</p>	<p>22 (Joshua 20)  <b>7:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Eve Service at First Baptist Church</b></p>	<p>23 (Joshua 21)  </p>	<p>24 (Joshua 22)            8:00 AM Ladies' Prayer</p>	<p>25 (Joshua 23)  <b>Advent Outreach</b>  <b>Hanging of the Greens</b></p>
<p>26 (Joshua 24)            No Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>27 (Romans 1)</p>	<p>28 (Romans 2)            10:00 AM Staff Mtg.             No Ladies' Bible Study</p>	<p>29 (Romans 3)</p>	<p>30 (Romans 4)            7:00 PM Grief Share</p>		

## Sunday Services for November 2017

Adult Greeters/Ushers: Dave Maloney & Ed Walens

Counters: Bruce Huntsinger and Kaylee Conner

Alternate: Melissa Wiltsey

Date	Super Church	Nursery Attendants	Adult Transport.	Ushers	Sound Booth Operators	Sunday School Snacks	Special Music
November 5	Communion Sunday	Vicki and Jess	Roland Kelm	Andrew and Nick Barton	Andrew Don Richie	Sandy and Bill Wiltsey	Men's Quartet
November 12	Geri Hagan	Jaunice and Julie B.	Bill and Jaunice Dilks	Abby Graham Breanna Hagan	Andrew Don Richie	Mary Ann Herbts	Denise Huntsinger
November 19	Gloria Ritchie	Joyce and Amy	Roland Kelm	Noah Kelm Nathaniel Dilks	Andrew Don Richie	George Stebner	
November 26	Joanne White	Sandy and Abby	Bill and Jaunice Dilks	Justice Carson Will Horton	Andrew Don Richie	Pastor Bill and Kim	

### Happy Birthday to:

Ellen Johnson - November 5  
 Ray Angleman - Nov. 8  
 Hayden Coates - Nov. 8  
 Larry Spann, Jr. - Nov. 9  
 Eleanor Florczynski - Nov. 13  
 Gerry Conner - Nov. 14  
 Bill Sinn, Jr. - November 15  
 Conrad Dilks - Nov. 16  
 Fred Gibson - Nov. 23  
 Cori Conner - Nov. 23  
 Mike Hutchinson - Nov. 24  
 Lew Schepacarter - Nov. 27  
 Lucy Marie Barton - Nov. 30

### Happy Anniversary To:

Michelle and Lee Fountain - November 1  
 Elisa and Roland Kelm - November 30



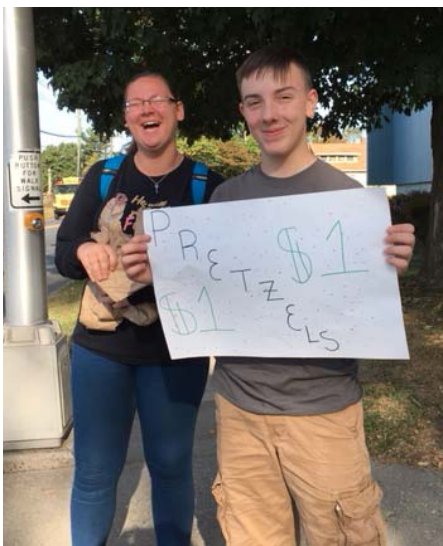


# Making Dinner for Ronald McDonald House October 1, 2017





**Youth  
Yard Sale  
Thank you all  
for your love  
and support!**







## Hayride and Bonfire 2017

Such a wonderful night to enjoy the splendor of God's creation! The stars were just spectacular as was the time we shared with each other!



*Thank you to everyone who made this night possible. We especially would like to thank Sue for sharing her beautiful farm with us and for letting us "city folk" enjoy God's great outdoors!*





Sunday School  
is Fun!



As we make preparations for the Advent Season, much is being planned to make it interesting, informative, thought provoking and spirit filled. Sounds good; doesn't it?

As a church family, we will be looking forward to growing in our relationship with God as we worship and experience the Child in question, through the power of the Holy Spirit. That will be wonderful for all of us. But, what about those outside our walls? What about those that are lost and desperately trying to find their way in life but not knowing exactly where to look or what to do?

As Christians, this should concern us all. What we have learned in the Scriptures about sharing His Word with others and doing our best to prepare for the harvest should make us all want to do something about it. And, so we are. Something is being planned that will be an all-church effort.

On Saturday, November 25th, we will be having our usual time of the "Hanging of the Greens." This year, in addition to that, we are also going to have an Advent outreach, and everyone in the church family is going to be asked to participate in some way.

Several of our youth, in addition to some adults, will be asked to distribute door hangers in a targeted area of our community. These door hangers will introduce the question, "What child is this?" On the reverse side, the answer will be given: This is the child that brings us hope, peace, and comfort. It will also indicate that we have prayed for those receiving the door hanger to receive the most precious gift: Emmanuel, God With Us. It will be an invitation asking them to join us in our services.

Now, here is where the rest of you come in. You are being asked to pray with your whole hearts that, through the workings of the Holy Spirit, those that receive this special invitation will come. There is great power in prayer, and, if everyone truly commits to doing this, if we pray fervently, and if we take this endeavor seriously, we will see God move and, prayerfully, souls will be saved. But it is up to us. If we do our part, then we can count on God to do His.

So, begin praying now for our Advent season and for those in our community that need the Lord. May God truly bless in ways we have yet to see!





Dear Church Family and Friends,

It's not easy to follow a legend in life – whatever the setting! We always seem to pale beneath the shadow of their legacy. I find myself in that position in two different areas of my life. Pastor Al Conner is one of the finest pastors that Gloucester City has ever known. My Father, William Dilks, Esq. is one of the most well-known and respected attorneys in our community. Both of these men are devout followers of Jesus, who live exemplary lives of servant-leadership. Those are big shoes to fill, but I learned a lesson from Joshua – that when God calls us to do something, He faithfully supports us. I am certain that Joshua at some point thought to himself, “I am not Moses – who spoke face to face with the LORD! How can I expect to accomplish anything in comparison to this great man of God?” The truth is that Joshua is not Moses. Pastor Bill is not Pastor Al Conner, nor William Dilks, Esq. But God is still God, and God is able to accomplish great things through each of our lives when we are willing – for God is able! He promised Joshua that He would be with him just as He was with Moses. He told him to be strong and courageous, and to be obedient to the LORD's commandments. That was the formula necessary for success, trusting that when God places us into an area of responsibility, God will supply the things necessary for our efforts to succeed. Proverbs 3:5-6 teaches this truth. When we humbly trust in the LORD's ability to fulfill His promise, then we can move forward with confidence believing that God is able to do great things through each of our lives. Joshua did accomplish great things for the LORD and was a commendable leader – the right person for the task that the LORD set before him. How about you? How are you doing in all the areas of responsibility entrusted to you by the LORD? Remember that God has placed you there, just like Joshua, to perform a special role or task that you can accomplish with the help of God. If the job seems too big, and you feel too small – remember that we have a big God who is able to achieve far more than we ever dreamed possible. Peter walked on water at Jesus' command; he began sinking when he allowed the circumstances to overwhelm him. Smartly, he reached out to Jesus who raised Peter safely to the water's surface. God is able and God is faithful – He is worthy of our wholehearted trust in all of life's challenges.

In His Steps,

*Pastor Bill*



# Grief Share

Thursdays 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Thru November

The pain of grief is one of the most intense feelings we can face. The emotional damage cuts to the soul. It can be overwhelming. You don't have to do it alone.

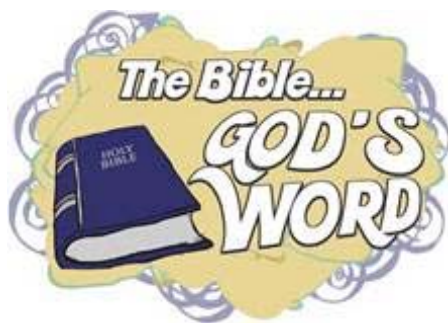
The second series of our grief support group began on September 14th. Grief Share provides help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. The group will meet weekly and includes:

- an encouraging, informative video featuring leading grief recovery experts
- small group discussion
- Workbook for journaling and personal study

Grief Share participants from last session have built lasting friendships and discovered that "we are not alone" on this journey. There is help. There are resources. We have a BIG GOD who is the source of all true healing, and we can have the support of friends who walk with us.

If you are experiencing a loss, please join us. You can register on-line through our website: [www.highlandparkcog.org](http://www.highlandparkcog.org) , or contact Don or Deb Conner at 456-3364.

**(You can begin at any time!)**



**Chapter-a-Day Bible  
4-Year Bible Reading  
Program ~ Nov. 2017**

Acts 27, 28  
Joshua 1-24  
Romans 1-4



**Don't forget to  
change your clocks!  
Sunday morning,  
November 5**



**Sunday, Dec. 3—**  
Youth Dinner and  
Sing Along Fundraiser  
**Sunday, Dec. 17—**  
Christ's Birthday  
Observance Offering  
Cantata  
**Friday, Dec. 29—**  
Open House at the  
Huntsingers'



## A New Way to Give

***TITHE.LY***

**Download the app from your app store or click the “Give”  
button on the church website!  
([www.highlandparkcog.org](http://www.highlandparkcog.org))**

It is really simple. Just use your smart phone to download the app and set up your giving through that. If you wish to give using your computer, just go to our church website and click the “Give” button on the top right. This will take you to Tithe.ly where you can set up your account.

When making your gift, please indicate any additional information or the breakdown of your gift **in the memo line**. You will receive an e-mail confirmation for your gift.

As with any credit card or e-transaction, there are transaction fees involved. There is a 30 cent per transaction charge plus a percentage fee that the church will pay. Bank account transactions are assessed a 1% fee, and credit/debit cards are assessed a 2.9% fee. (American Express, 3.5% fee.) These fees are paid by the church unless you click to indicate you would like to cover them. Whatever you decide, you will be credited for the full amount of your gift.

If you need assistance, please contact the church office!

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### Sermon Topics for November 2017

11/5: The Divine Call to Leadership (Joshua 1:1-11)

11/12: The Devastating Power of Sin (Joshua 7:1-15)

11/19: A Blessed People (Psalm 67)

11/26: Christ the King Sunday: The Supremacy  
of Christ (Col. 1:15-20)



# Thank You

Good morning,

As I came back from Africa, I was thinking about you. In Tanzania, I visited a small village that had no electricity and no well. (They walk to a neighboring village to get water.) When we arrived, the entire village came to a worship service. We interviewed children. We were presented with gifts. As the Children of Promise representative, I received a chicken. The people of this village see healthy children who are growing in faith, and, because of education, they see hope that their children can have a far better life.

At the end, the chief of the village came forward and, in a ceremony, wrapped me in a Maasai robe. He presented me with a 'speaking stick.' When the chief holds the stick, people listen with respect. I emailed Paul Maxfield, our Executive Director, and I informed him that while he is a Director, I am a Chief! I have had great joy in my new title.

Yet, I know this is to be absolutely true. I was given this honor because the donors and sponsors were not there. I stood in their place. I stood in your place. You partner with Children of Promise and with the local village volunteers to change children's lives.

My honor was really for you. Thank you. Still, I'm keeping my title as Chief!

Blessings,

Kirk Bookout

Development Director

Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for your love and support. The party was wonderful! We thank you for the gift card and the donation toward Jonah's service dog as well. We want you to know that we are blessed and appreciate all that each one of you does to bless the lives of others in Jesus' name. You love both in word and in deeds as well. May the Lord bless you all.

Love,

Pastor Bill and Kim

Thank you! We're so glad we're a part of THIS Family of God! Just a note to let you know that we thank God every day for the opportunity to do ministry with all of you. Thank YOU for the many notes and words and gifts of appreciation that you always give, but particularly those generously showered on us this month. Don and I are humbled and touched by your expressions of love. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We love you!

Don & Deb Conner

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Thanks for singing our favorite hymns. (Too bad we couldn't sing all of the verses. They have such a great message.) The prayer over the pastors and the laying on of hands was so appropriate.

We appreciate so much your gifts, cards, thank you notes and kind expressions you gave us for Pastor Appreciation Day. We so enjoyed the Pastor Appreciation reception. The food and the fellowship were great.

We especially want to thank all of those who planned and prepared the food and drinks and, of course, those who helped to clean up.

We love you,

Pastor Emeritus Al and Gerry Conner



Have you wondered how the creation story in Genesis fits with the evolutionary theories of popular science? You're not alone. Many Christians wrestle with the seeming conflict between faith and science. They want to believe the inerrancy of Scripture, but it's difficult to reconcile the two.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

Our adult Sunday School class is using a video series put out by the Creation Research Institute called, *Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis: Explore the Science and Miracles of Creation.*

This series answer key questions about the origin of human life, the evidence left by the fossil record, and how the findings of science line up with the Bible. We are exploring the wonders of God's creation through the lens of faith-based science that clearly points to the authenticity and accuracy of the Bible's creation account. The compelling evidence you'll find as you study both Genesis and science will challenge your intellect and reinforce your faith.

Come explore with us!!



**Coming to  
HPCOG  
November  
2017!**



## first friday family fun

**November 3 ~ 6:30 PM**

**Families are invited to a  
Thanksgiving Adventure at  
the church!**



*Would you like to host an open house this holiday season? If so, please give the church office a call!*

**Thanksgiving  
Eve  
Service**

**Wednesday, November 22  
7:00 PM  
First Baptist Church**

**You Order It...**

**We'll Bake it!**



**HIGHLAND PARK CHURCH OF GOD  
YOUTH BAKE SALE**



**CUPCAKES: \$5/DOZEN**

**COOKIE TRAYS: \$10 & \$15**

**DECORATED OR SPECIALTY CAKES: \$10**

**Created Specially for YOU!**



**Order yours today:**

**Call Church Office: 856-456-3364**

**Email: [highlandparkcogyouth@gmail.com](mailto:highlandparkcogyouth@gmail.com)**



**(All proceeds support youth activities including the upcoming International Youth Convention next summer! Thank you!)**



# *Nail Night at the Youth House*

*Sunday, November 5*

*6:30-8:30 PM*

*Come out and enjoy a bit of pampering  
while getting to know our youth and  
supporting their efforts.*

# \*Needed\*

**Please join us in collecting usable clothing items to be donated to those in need.**

**Our church uses the money raised to help other charities, so it is a win/win for everyone!**

**Donations Include:** Wearable clothing, shoes, handbags, belts, scarves, ties, hats, bedding, curtains, tablecloths, towels and stuffed animals.

- Items should be placed in large black trash bags. If you don't have enough for a trash bag, please put items in a bag that closes and we will combine smaller bags later.
- Items should be placed neatly on the youth house porch by **November 14<sup>th</sup>**. Call ahead to make sure it is unlocked, 856-456-3364.



**Donations Due by November 14<sup>th</sup>.**



A & E Clothing Corp. will sort and ship items to the Marian Center Charity with shelters throughout New Jersey and will then send items overseas. A donation is made to our church just for collecting! Thank you for your donations!







Free Pancake Breakfast  
for Veterans and  
Active Military  
November 11<sup>th</sup>  
9am-11am

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Please R.S.V.P

by November 8<sup>th</sup> to 456-3364 or  
[highlandparkcog@yahoo.com](mailto:highlandparkcog@yahoo.com)



111 Baynes Avenue, Gloucester City, NJ 08030

**Sandwiches for SHAN-12pm**

**November 7<sup>th</sup>**



**November 18th**

**Camp at Cannon Hill Workday**



**Continental Breakfast 8am**

**8:30am-1pm Workday**

**1pm Lunch**



**Gift Card Orders due by Wednesday,  
November 29<sup>th</sup>!**

Gift card sales help us support many local ministries. You can purchase gifts or cards from the places you normally shop. If you need more information or help placing an order, please contact Cindy Kumpel or Sandy Wiltsey.



**Please donate tabs for Ronald McDonald  
House! Look for the bin in the narthex.**



**Pull for the  
House.**



Many Hearts. One Home.

Highland Park Church of God

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP in NOVEMBER!



### November 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m. - NAIL NIGHT!

Time to pamper the ladies in our church...and raise a little money for IYC!! We need ALL HANDS for this one! Set up will be at 5:30. Let Denise know if you can help provide snacks or fun nail polish colors. Gentlemen, come dressed in black pants/white shirt, ready to serve. Girls, black pants and your nail night shirts if you still have them!

### November 12, 3:30-5:00 - CHRISTMAS CRAFT & COLLAGE NIGHT!

Meet at the youth house for a fun night of crafting. We can make Christmas decorations to make our space more festive for the holidays. We are also going to choose some of the photos we have taken over the last couple of years and put them in frames to hang in the youth house. We need some pictures of YOU on our walls!!



### November 19th, 12:30-3:30 p.m. - BAKING DAY!

We will meet immediately after church for lunch and baking. This is another opportunity to raise some money. We will be selling cookies and cakes, taking orders throughout the month. On the 19th we will bake in the church kitchen to create beautiful and delicious cookie trays and cakes. Bring your best baking and decorating skills!

November 26th - NO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP  
HAPPYTHANKSGIVING!

## What are YOU thankful for??

Coming up: December 5<sup>th</sup>...Christmas Dinner and Sing-Along. (Our next fundraiser!!)

